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This book addresses the issue of the appalling mismatch between what the economy needs and what the educational institutions actually provide. The book provides a blueprint for the radical reconstruction of schools, following many of the same principles that allowed some of the U.S. leading industrial organizations to rescue themselves from the brink of ruin by greatly raising productivity without increasing costs. There are five sections in the book. Part 1, "America Preeminent: Riding the Second Industrial Revolution to Success," contains: (1) "The Mass-Production Economy: The American Way" and (2) "Mass-Producing Education." Part 2, "The Forces Changing the World Economy: Our Competitors Respond," contains: (1) "Technology, Competitiveness, and the New International Economy" and (2) "Our Competitors Take the Lead: The Path to Human-Resource Capitalism." Part 3, "The Challenge," includes: (1) "America on the Precipice: Will We Boil the Frog?" and (2) "Facing the Challenge--At Last." Part 4, "The New American System: Strategies for High Performance," contains: (1) "The Demand for Excellence: Can--and Will--Employers and Labor Lead the Way?"; (2) "Restructuring the Schools for High Performance: Tough Road to Excellence"; (3) "Incentives: The Great Debate"; (4) "Building a System Driven by Standards"; (5) "The Family"; (6) "Rebuilding the Community Fabric"; (7) "Technical and Professional Education"; and (8) "A Labor-Market System for America." Part 5, "Two Futures: Which Will We Choose?," contains "Investing in Our People." (EH)

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